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# Status of Triplet Extended Higgs Sector Models in Light of NLO Unitarity and Latest LHC Data

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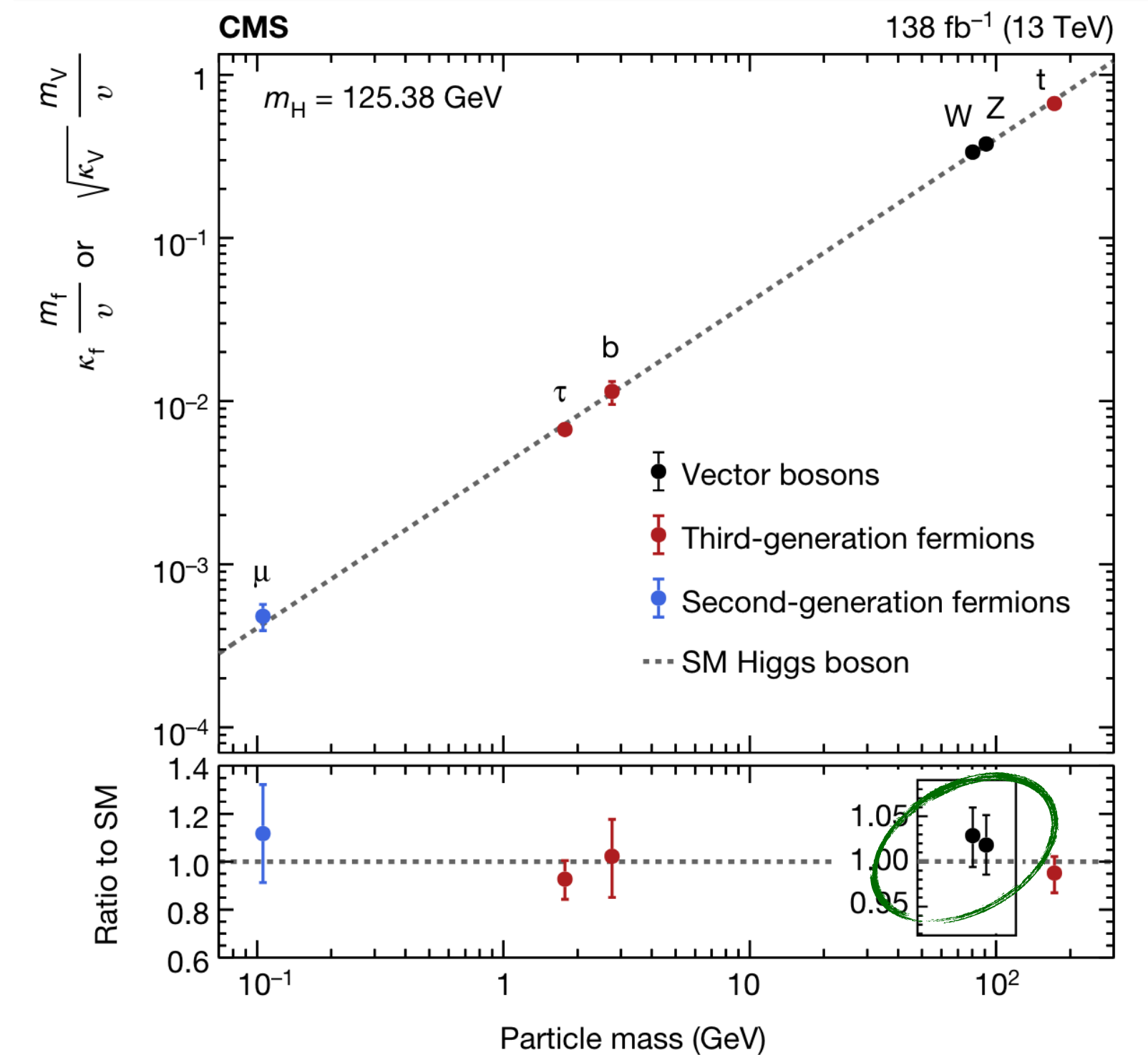
# Beyond the Standard Model

- Standard Model (SM) of particle physics is a framework → good agreement with collider data

## Open questions :

Neutrino masses , Dark Matter ,  
Baryon asymmetry of the Universe (BAU) ,  
Electroweak Phase Transitions (EWPT)

- SM might be a simplified version of a more complicated model
- Do the LHC data preclude the existence of additional multiplets in the scalar sector of the SM ?



Search for BSM @ forefront of particle physics research

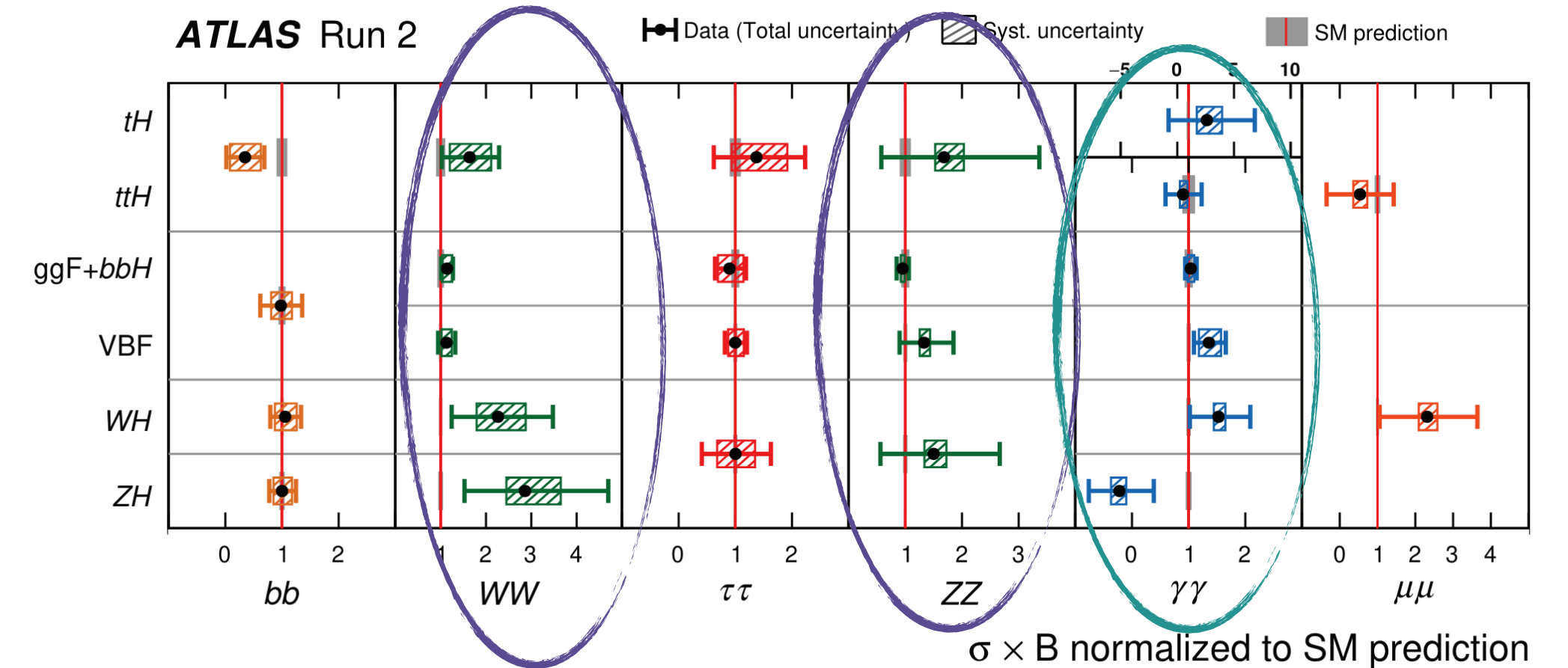
# Triplet Extended Higgs Sector

- Both **ATLAS** and **CMS** suggest an enhanced rate of **WW** and **ZZ** relative to the SM

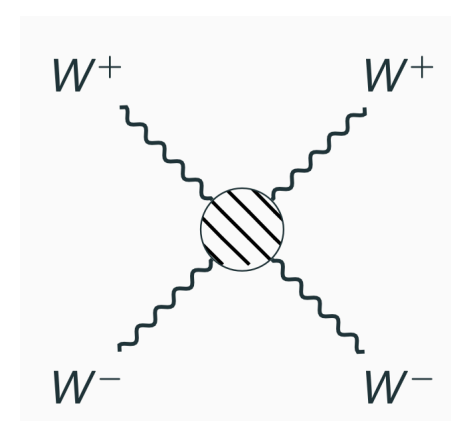
The questions we ask is :

If **WW** and **ZZ** rates are enhanced,  
how far beyond the SM one must to describe them?

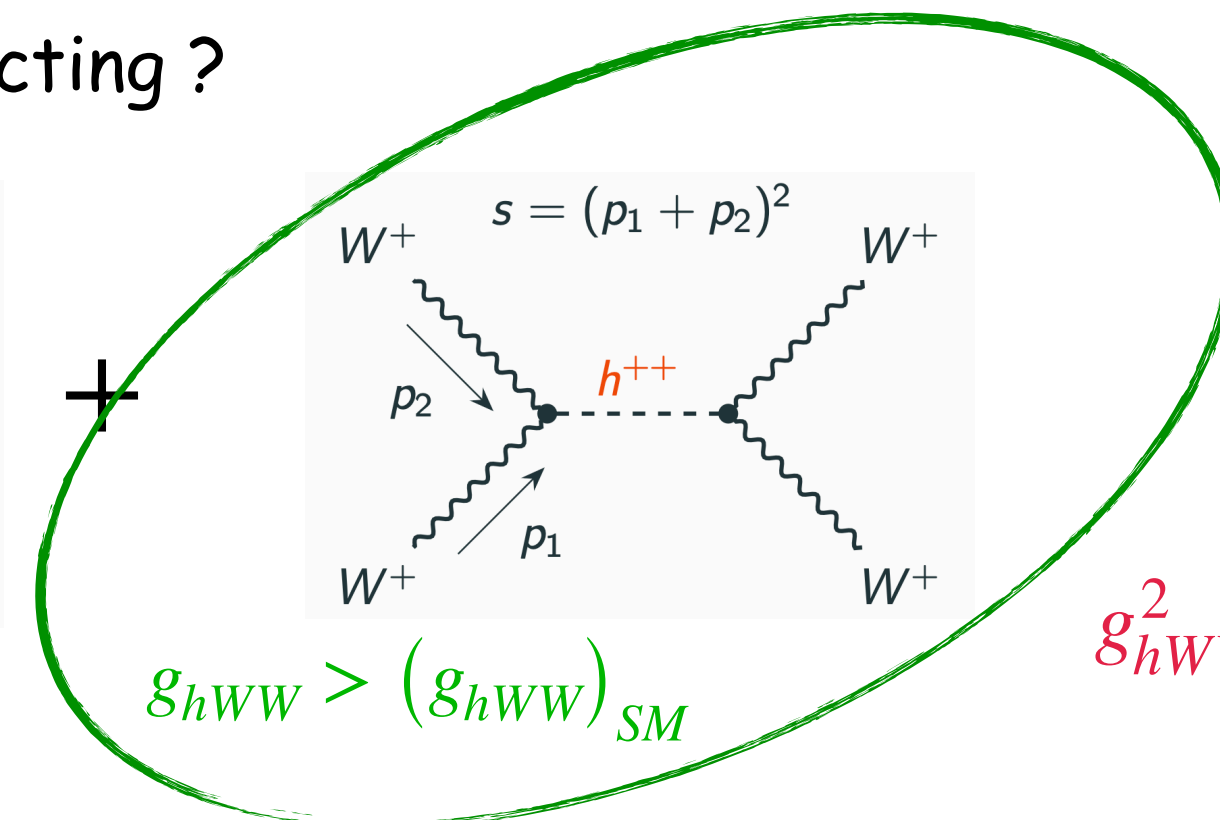
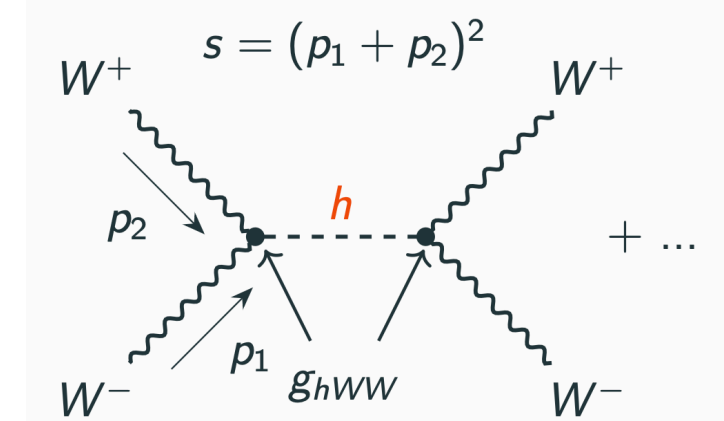
**Additional charged Higgs ?**



**Recap :** **WW** scatterings are weakly interacting or strongly interacting?



Higgs portal  
restore unitarity



$$g_{hWW} > (g_{hWW})_{SM}$$

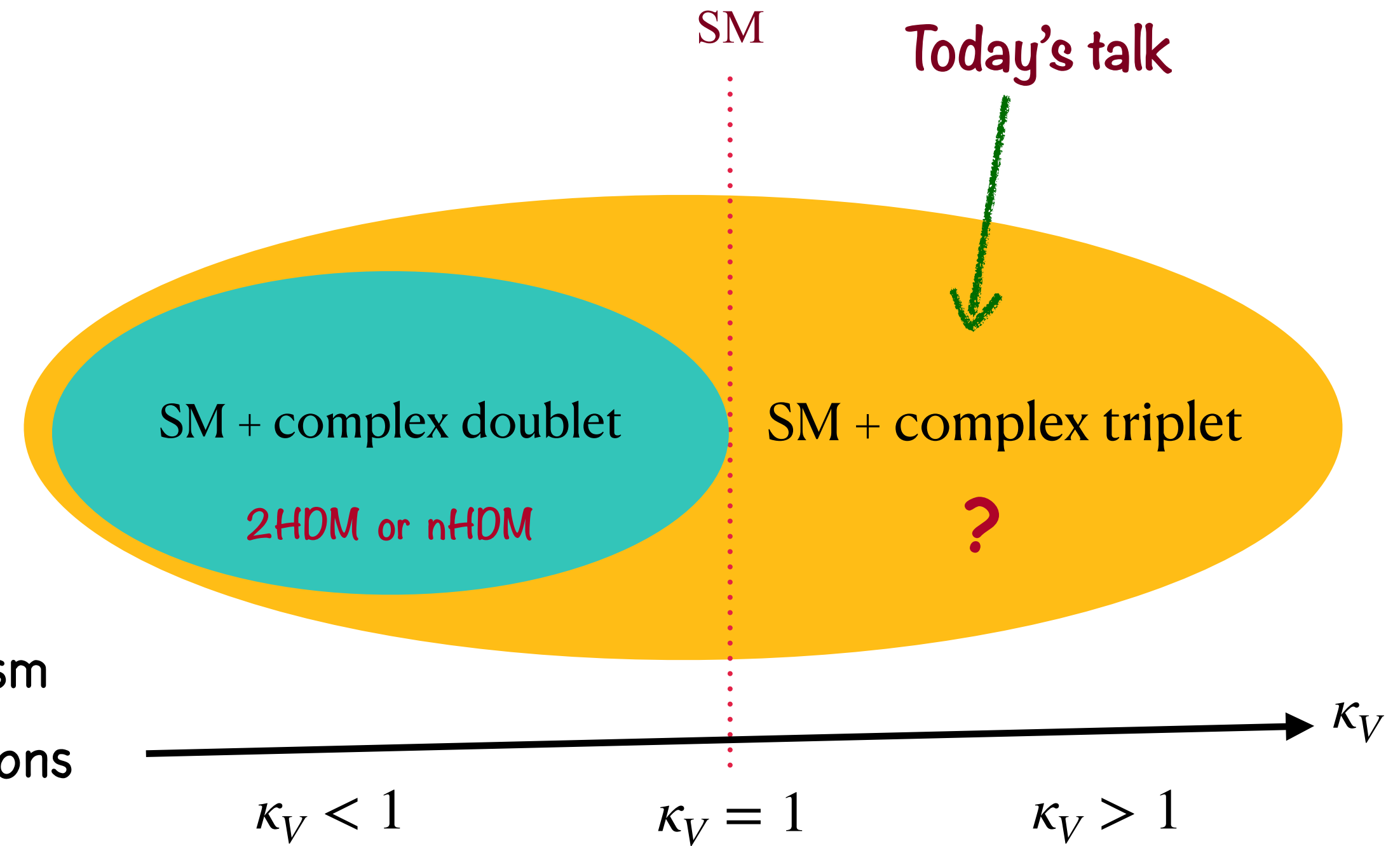
$$g_{hWW}^2 - g_{h^{++}WW}^2 = (g_{hWW}^2)_{SM}$$

- Additional doubly charged Higgs boson plays an important role to restore unitarity at high energies

# Triplet Extended Higgs Sector

- Model with triplet extended Higgs sector can explain an enhanced rate of  $WW$  and  $ZZ$ 
  - ▶ Doubly charged Higgs boson comes from  $SU(2)_L$  triplet through EWSB mechanism

Triplet or higher multiplets leave an imprint on the EWSB mechanism that can be detected via SM-like Higgs couplings to the vector bosons



- ✓ It can also explain **neutrino oscillation** , **EWBG** , **Dark-Matter puzzle**
- ✓ It offers a much richer prospect for collider experiments

**Can be probed in particle colliders and in cosmological observatories**



# Higgs Triplet Models with Custodial Symmetry

- Custodial Symmetry :  $M_W^2 = M_Z^2 \cos^2 \theta_W$

Rho-parameter,  $\rho = \frac{M_W^2}{M_Z^2 \cos^2 \theta_W}$

At tree-level,  $\rho = 1$

- Triplet extended Higgs sector with Custodial Symmetry :

SM doublet  $\phi$  ( $T = 1/2, Y = 1/2$ ) + Real triplet  $\xi$  ( $T = 1, Y = 0$ ) + Complex triplet  $\chi$  ( $T = 1, Y = 1$ )

$\langle \phi \rangle = v_\phi, \langle \xi \rangle = v_\xi, \langle \chi \rangle = v_\chi \rightarrow \rho = 1$  in tree-level if  $v_\chi = v_\xi$

- \* Georgi-Machacek (GM) model :

Equality of triplet VEVs is preserved by the Higgs potential

[Georgi, Machacek '85; Chanowitz, Golden '85]

Interactions among the Higgs fields maintained  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$  symmetry

- \* extended Georgi-Machacek (eGM) model :

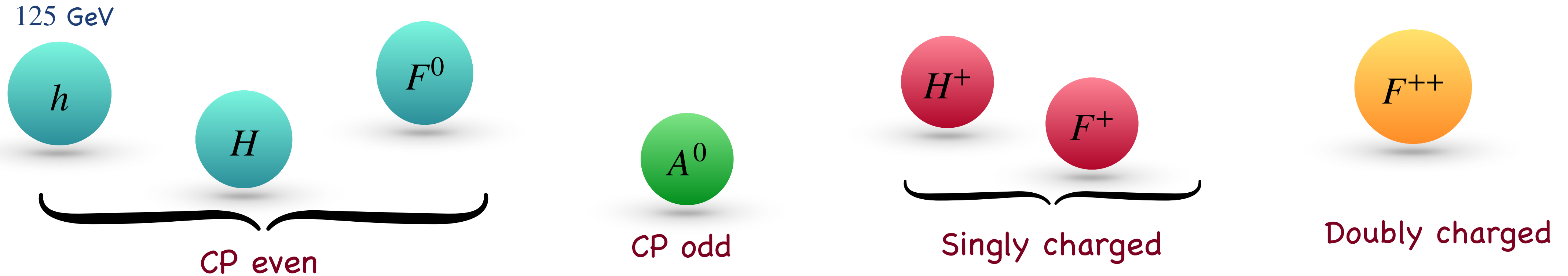
Equality of triplet VEVs is obtained by tuning the potential parameters @ tree-level

[Kundu, Mondal, Pal '21]

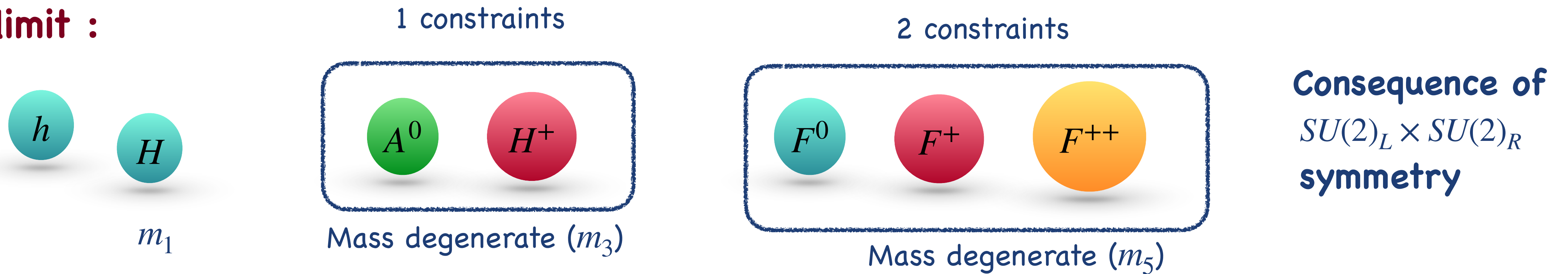
Higgs interactions does not maintained  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$  symmetry

...Similar interactions were considered in 2HDM with softly broken  $Z_2$  symmetry

# Extended Georgi-Machacek Model



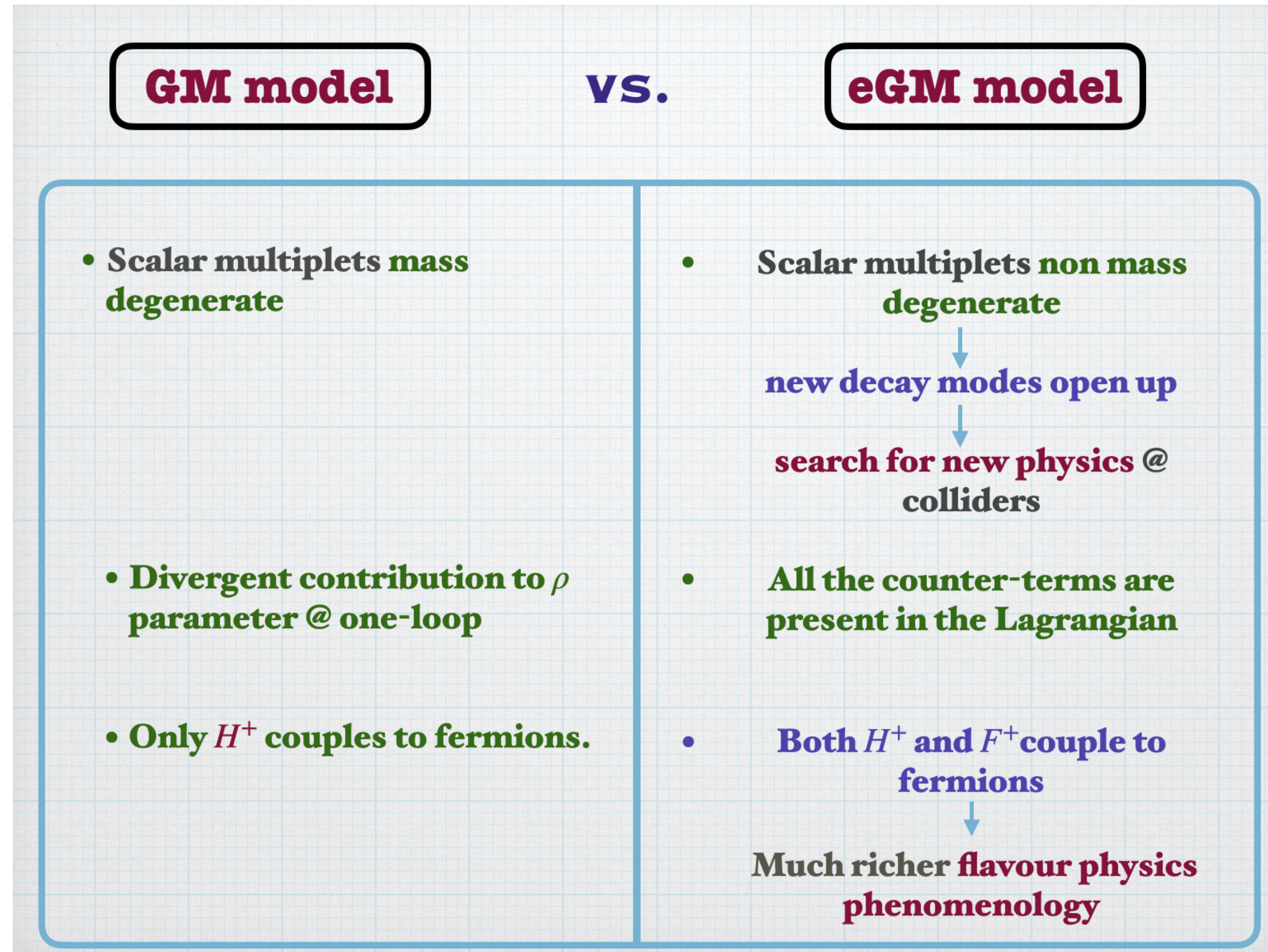
● **GM limit :**



**GM  $\subset$  eGM**



# Salient features



... slide taken from Poulami Mondal's talk @ Higgs Hunting 2024



# Theoretical Constraints

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- Positivity of the Higgs potential

$$V^{(4)} = \lambda_\phi (\phi^\dagger \phi)^2 + \lambda_\xi (\xi^\dagger \xi)^2 + \lambda_\chi (\chi^\dagger \chi)^2 + \tilde{\lambda}_\chi |\tilde{\chi}^\dagger \chi|^2 + \lambda_{\phi\xi} (\phi^\dagger \phi) (\xi^\dagger \xi) \\ + \lambda_{\phi\chi} (\phi^\dagger \phi) (\chi^\dagger \chi) + \lambda_{\chi\xi} (\chi^\dagger \chi) (\xi^\dagger \xi) + \kappa_1 |\xi^\dagger \chi|^2 + \kappa_2 (\phi^\dagger \tau_a \phi) (\chi^\dagger t_a \chi) + \kappa_3 \left[ (\phi^T \epsilon \tau_a \phi) (\chi^\dagger t_a \xi) + \text{h.c.} \right] > 0$$

- Yukawa and quartic couplings of the theory need to be in perturbative regime

$$y_i < \sqrt{4\pi} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_i < 4\pi$$

- Quartic couplings should satisfy the unitarity conditions @ one-loop

$$\left| a_\ell^{2 \rightarrow 2} - \frac{1}{2}i \right|^2 + \sum_{k>2} |a_\ell^{2 \rightarrow k}|^2 = \frac{1}{4}.$$

- NLO corrections to the LO amplitudes should be smaller in magnitude

$$|a_\ell^{NLO}| < |a_\ell^{LO}|$$



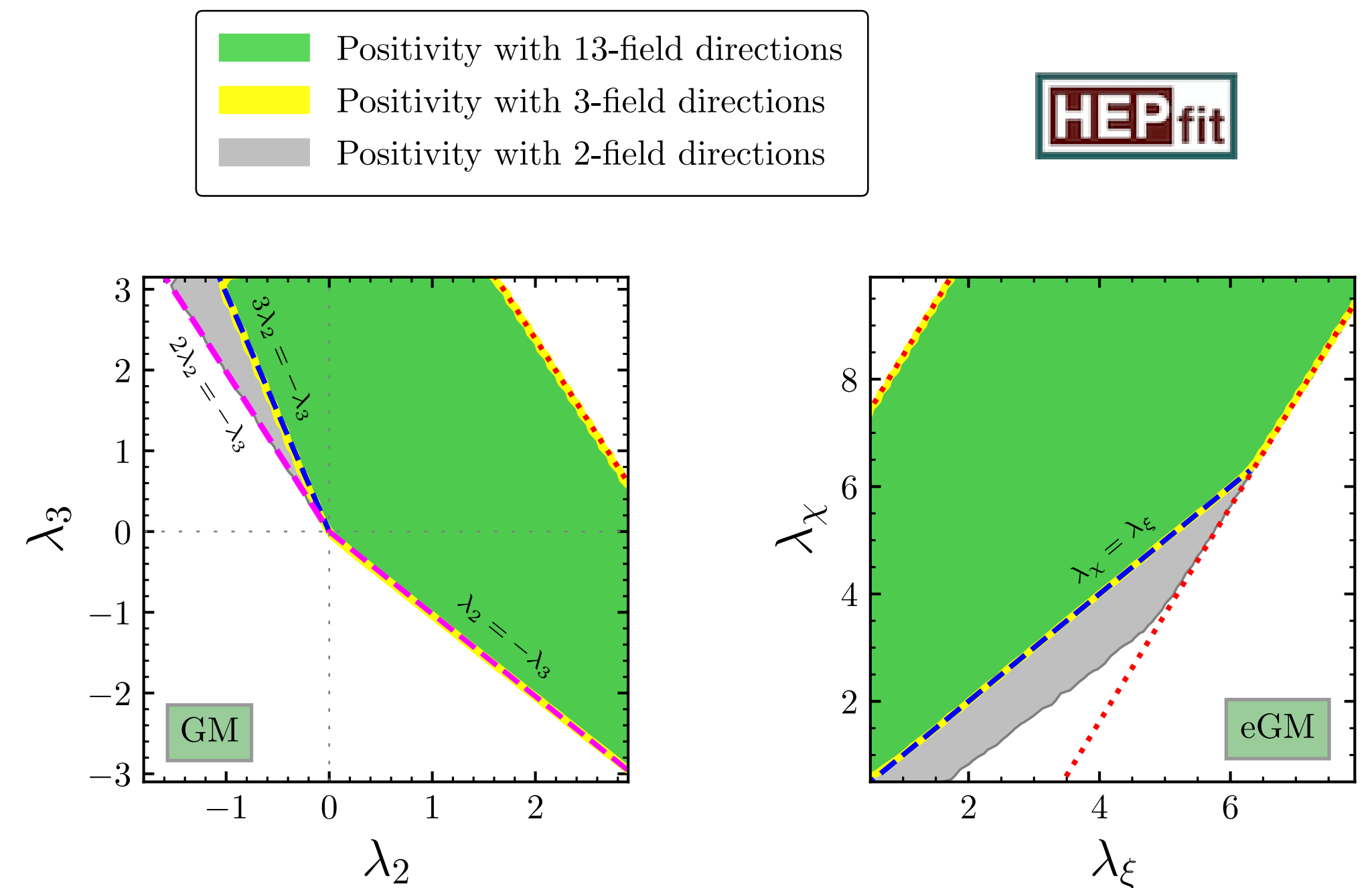
# Positivity of the Higgs Potential

Ensure that boundedness of the potential  
in any directions of field space

Numerically, 3-field direction BFB conditions  
(neither necessary nor sufficient)  
are a very good approximation of  
all 13-field direction BFB conditions

[Moultaka, Peyranère '21, D. Chowdhury, P. Mondal, S.S. 2404.18996]

These 3-field direction BFB conditions  
are faster numerically



# NLO unitarity

For a given  $2 \rightarrow 2$  process, the unitarity bounds :  $|a_\ell - i\frac{1}{2}| \leq \frac{1}{2}$

\* LO unitarity :  $a_\ell^{LO} \in \mathbb{R}$  ,  $|\text{Re}(a_\ell^{LO})| \leq \frac{1}{2}$

\* NLO unitarity :  $a_\ell^{NLO} \notin \mathbb{R}$  ,  $|a_\ell^{NLO} - i\frac{1}{2}| \leq \frac{1}{2}$

Weakly interacting theories :

$$a_\ell^{LO} > a_\ell^{NLO} \text{ @ 1-loop}$$

These are used to put bound on the potential parameters or exotic Higgs masses in a weakly interacting theory

Prior to the Higgs discovery : LO unitarity :  $\lambda \leq \frac{8\pi}{3}$

[Lee, Quigg, Thacker '77]

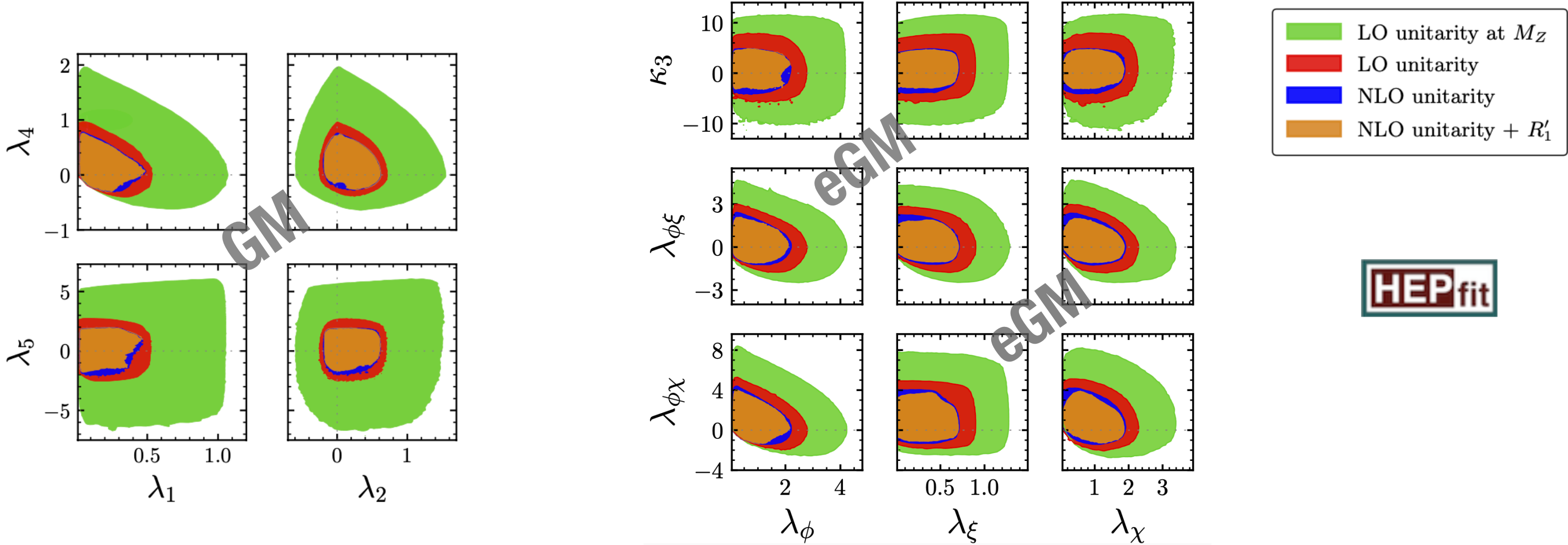
NLO unitarity :  $\lambda \leq 2 - 2.5$  [Dawson, Eillenbrock '89; Durand, Johnson, Lopez'92]

No revised limit @2-loop [Durand, Maher, Riesselmann, 92]

Weakly interacting SM Higgs scenario

\* GM and eGM model :

NLO unitarity significantly refine the parameter space



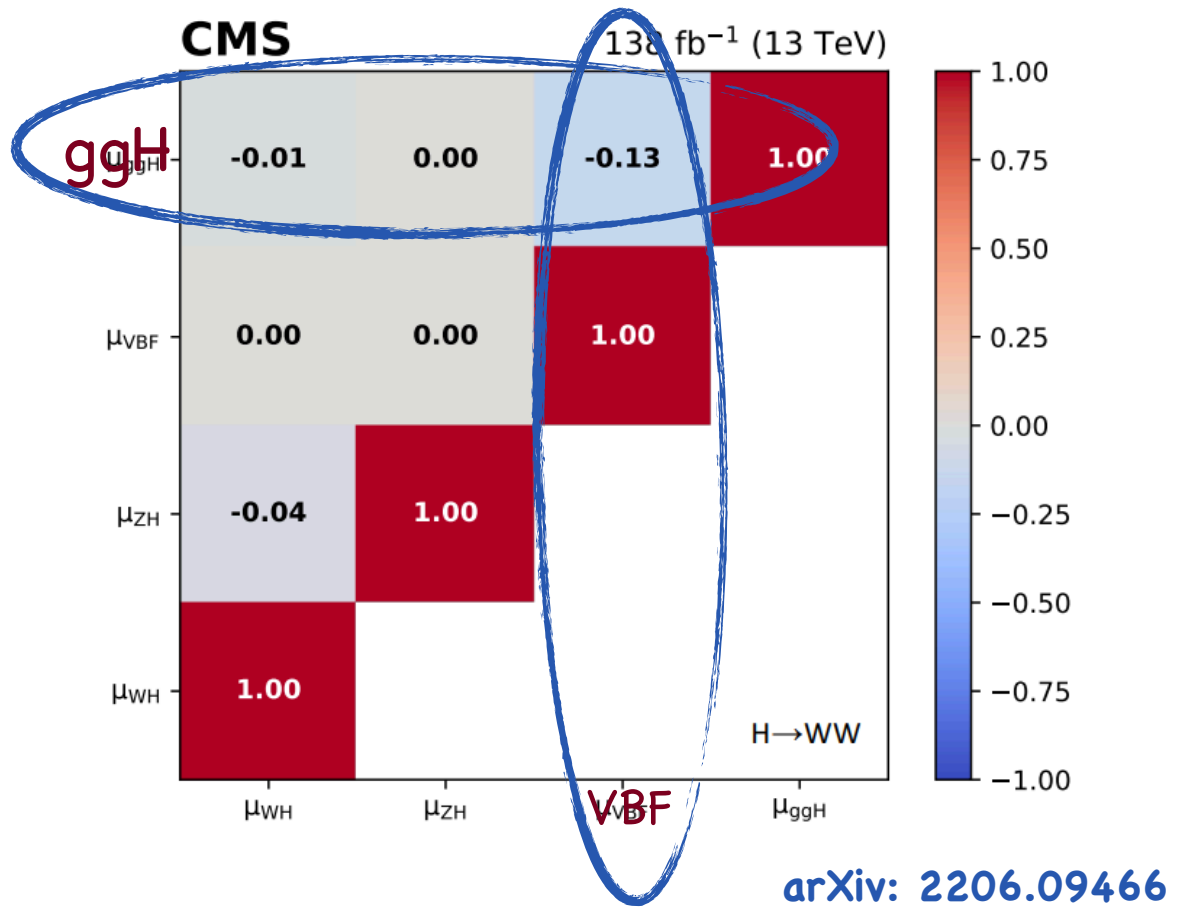
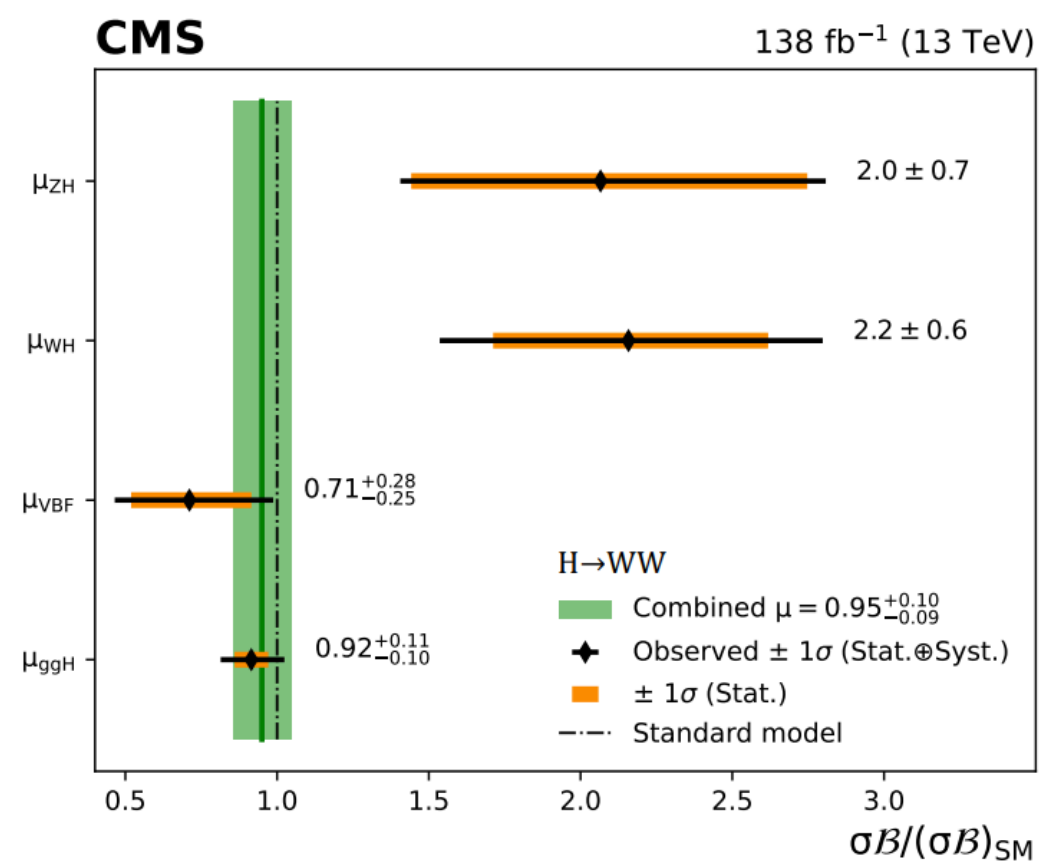
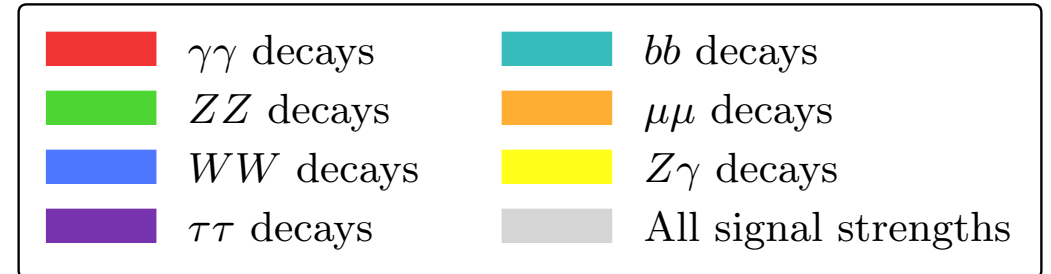
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# Higgs Signal Strengths

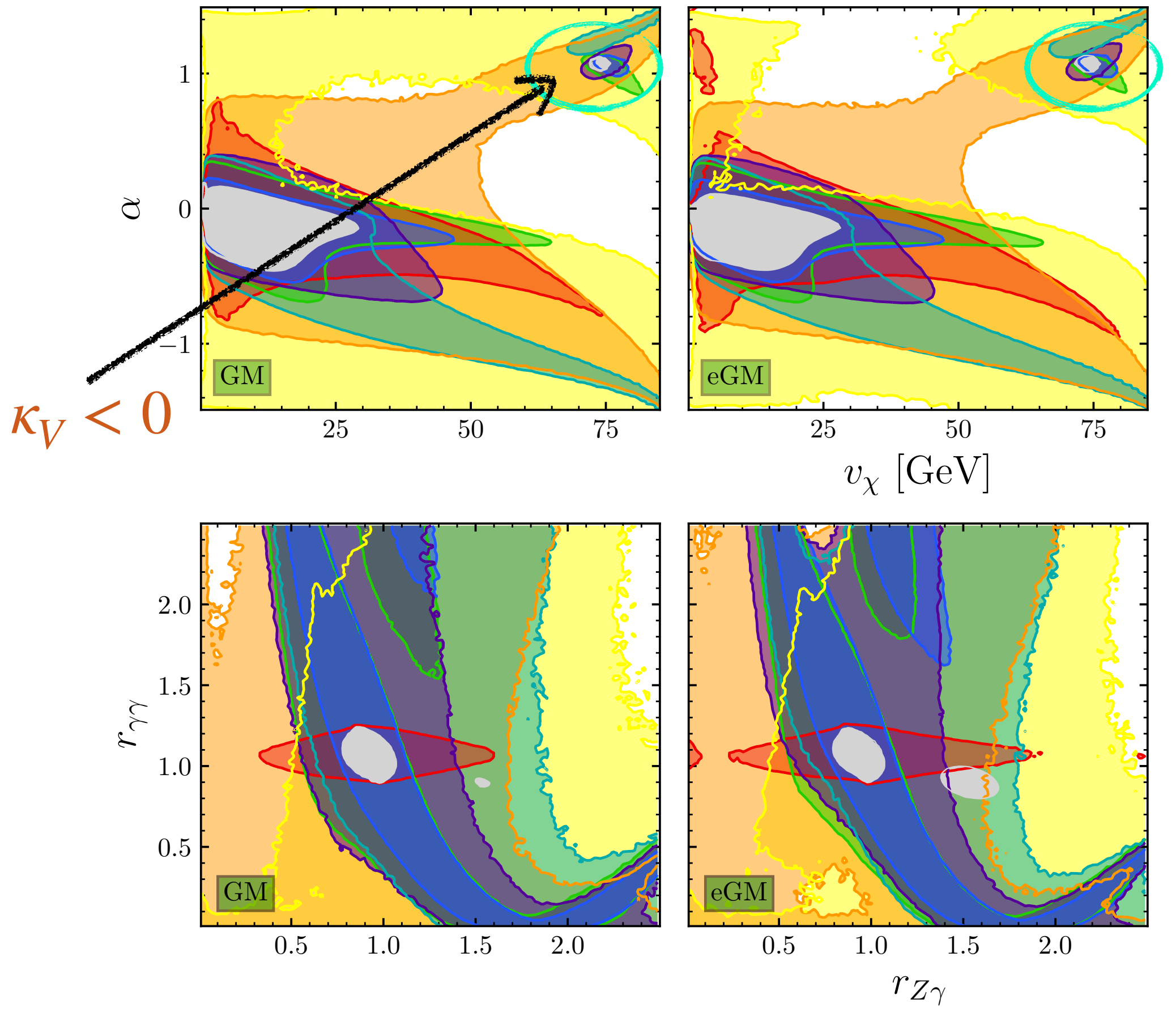
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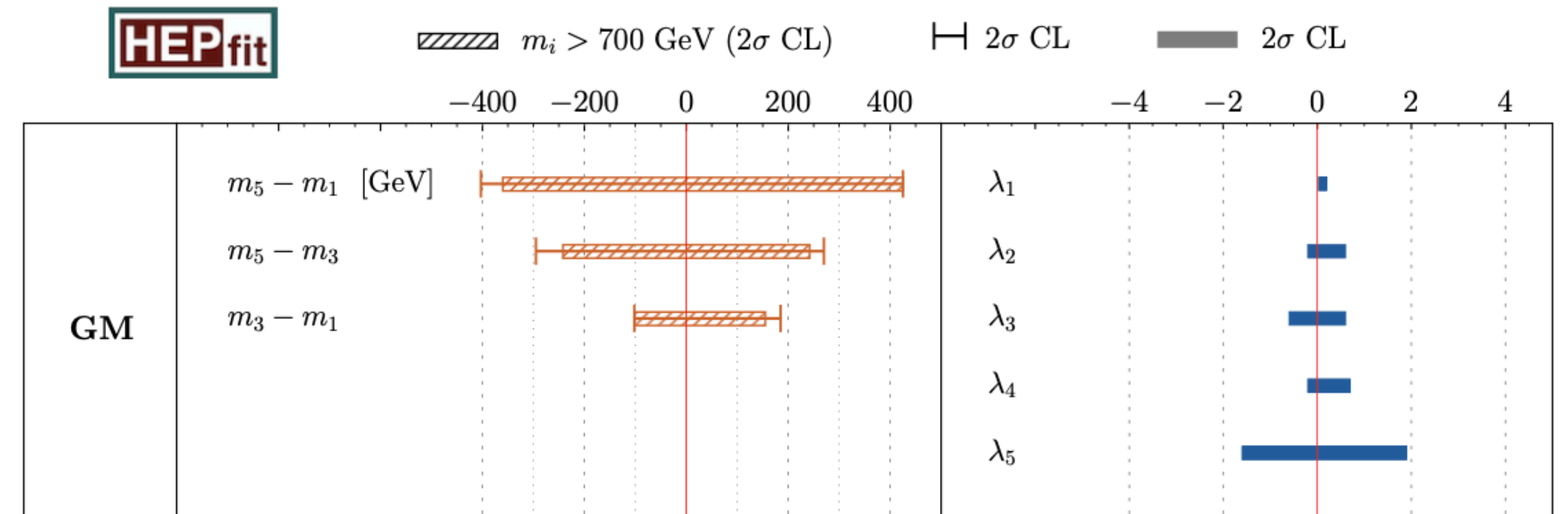
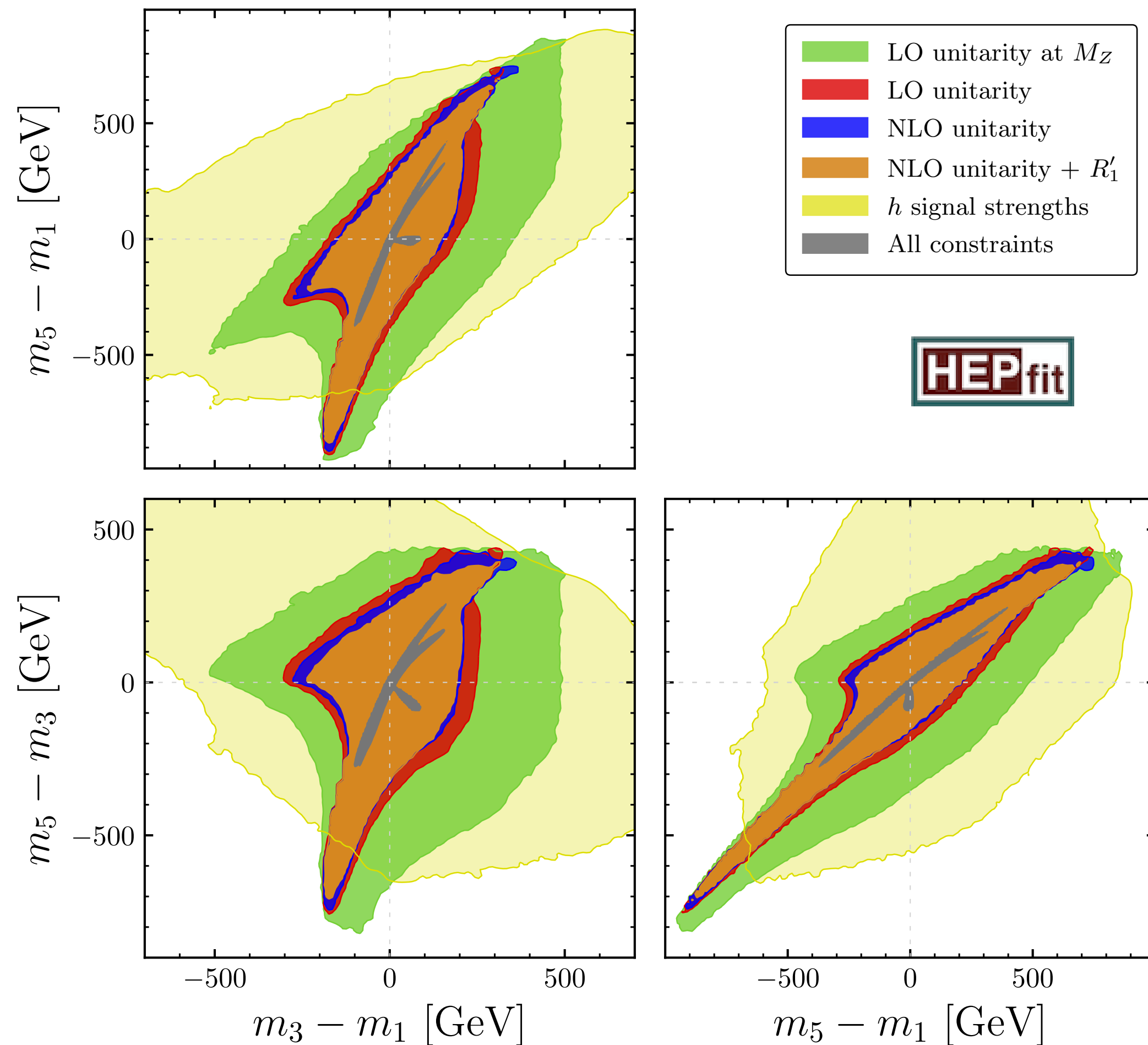


Latest Run 2 LHC data put a stringent bound on triplet VEV,  $v_\chi < 32 \text{ GeV}$

Strongly disfavour  $|\kappa_V| > 1.05 @ 95.4\% \text{ CL}$



# Status of GM Model (combined fit)



More restrictive parameter space from improved theoretical constraints

Maximum mass splitting reduced  $\sim 100$  GeV from the literature

Quartic couplings can't exceed 1.9 @ one-loop

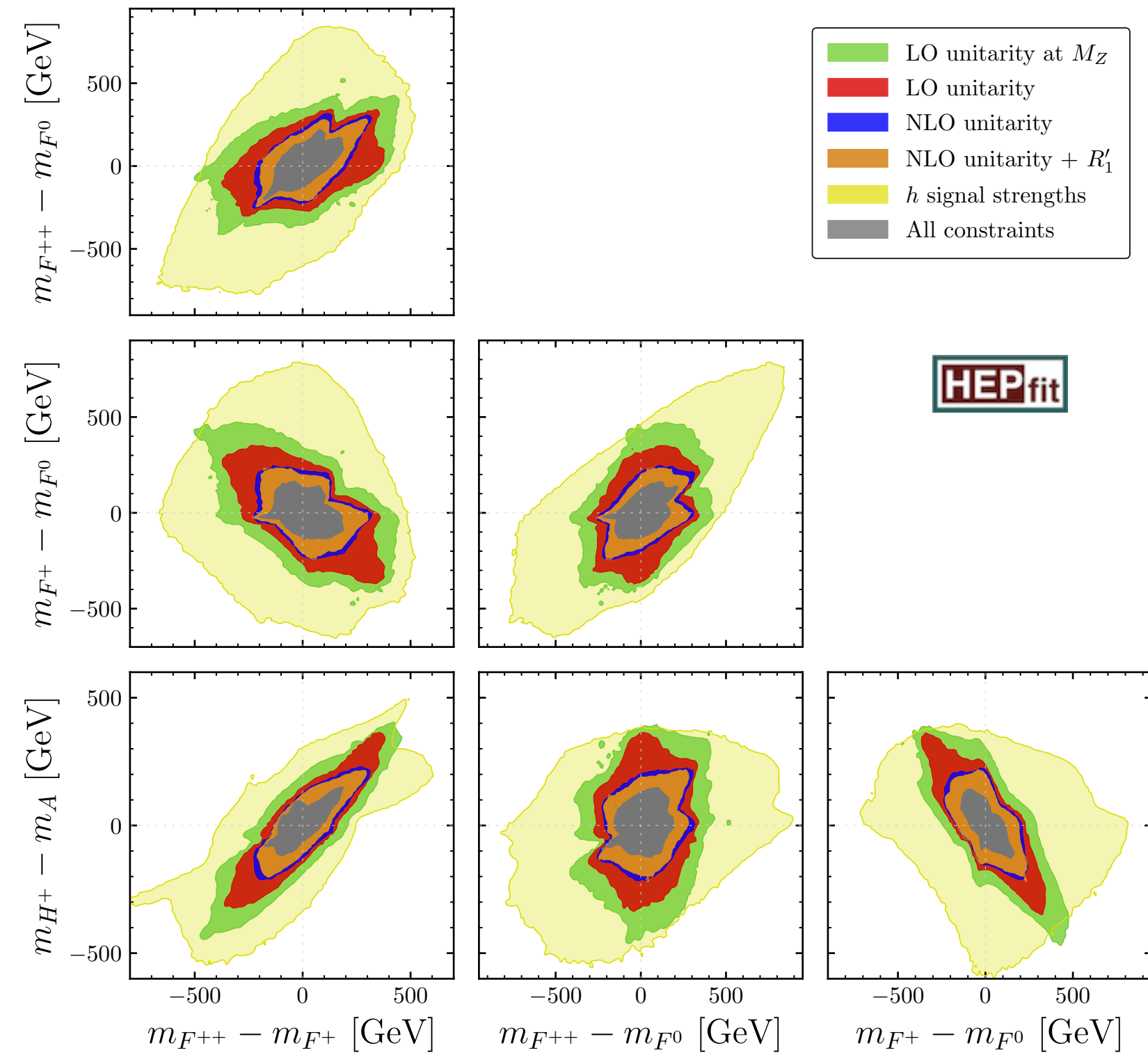
... while about 3.0 @ tree-level

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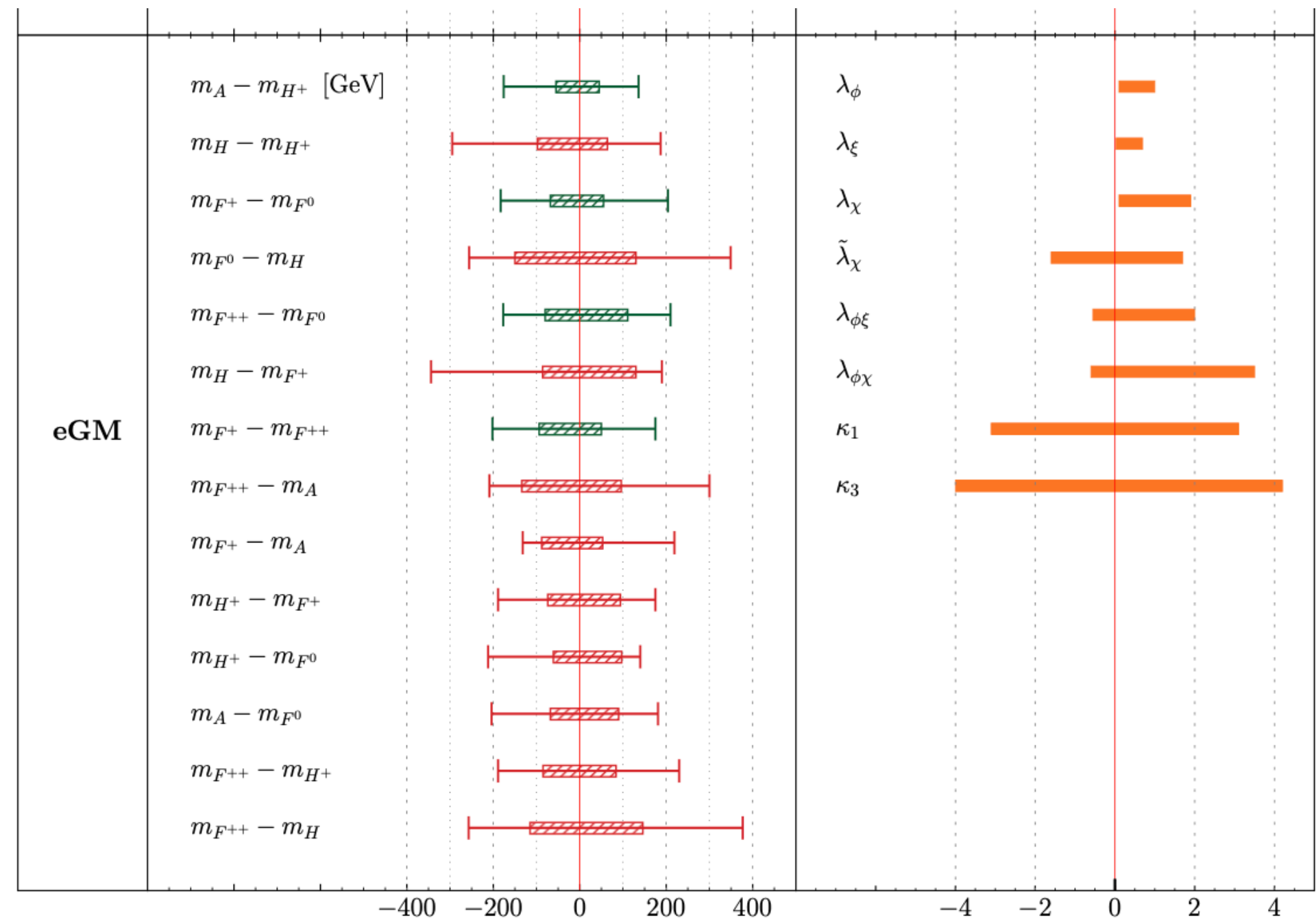
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# Status of eGM Model (combined fit)



@ 95.4% CL limit on mass differences and quartic couplings



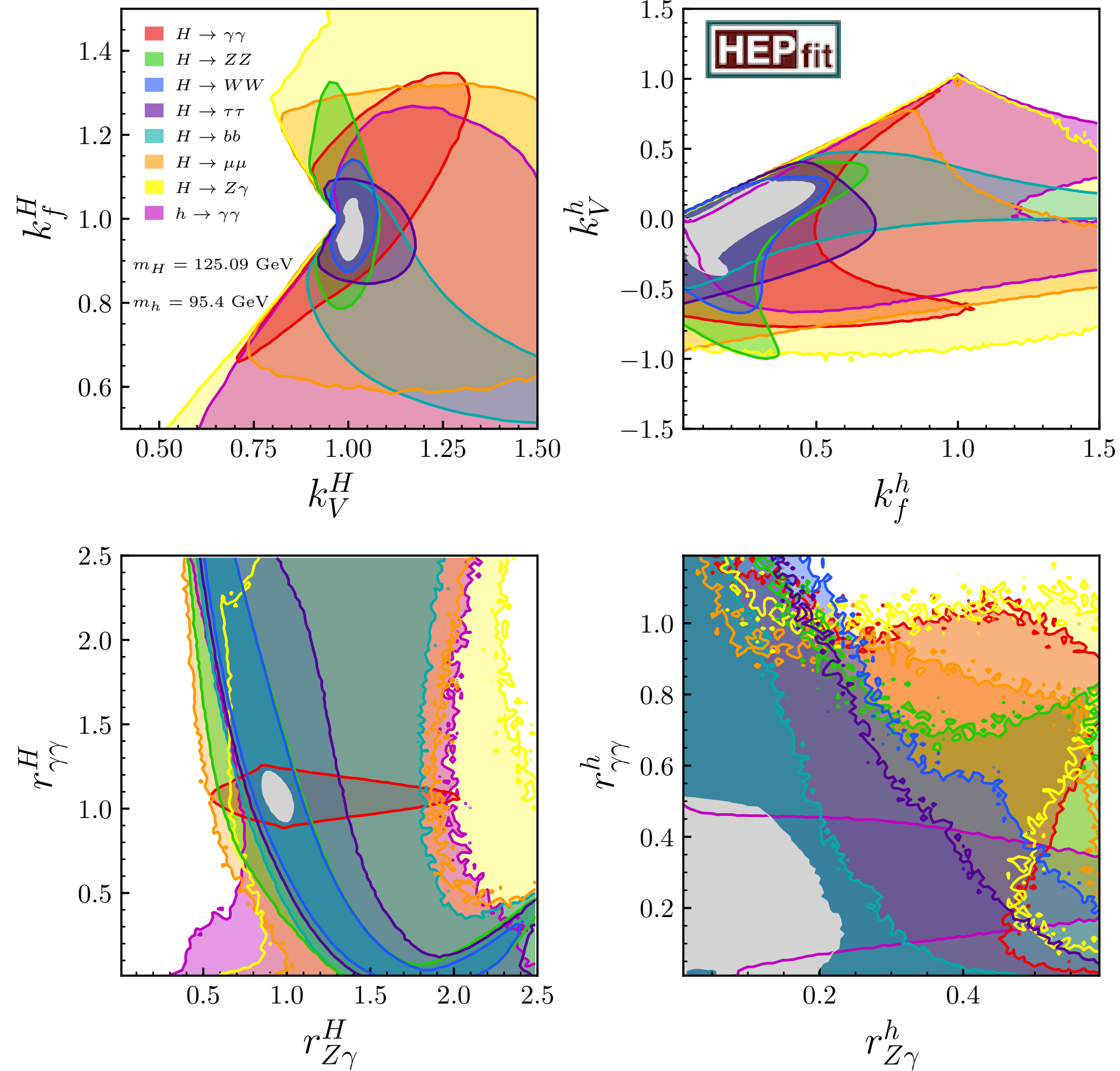
Maximum mass splitting within custodial multiplets

**~ 210 GeV @ 95.4% CL**

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➔ Flavor or electroweak precision data could be used to constrain the model further. (Work in progress ...)

# 95 GeV Higgs Results



$$\kappa_f^h \kappa_V^h + \kappa_f^H \kappa_V^H = 1$$

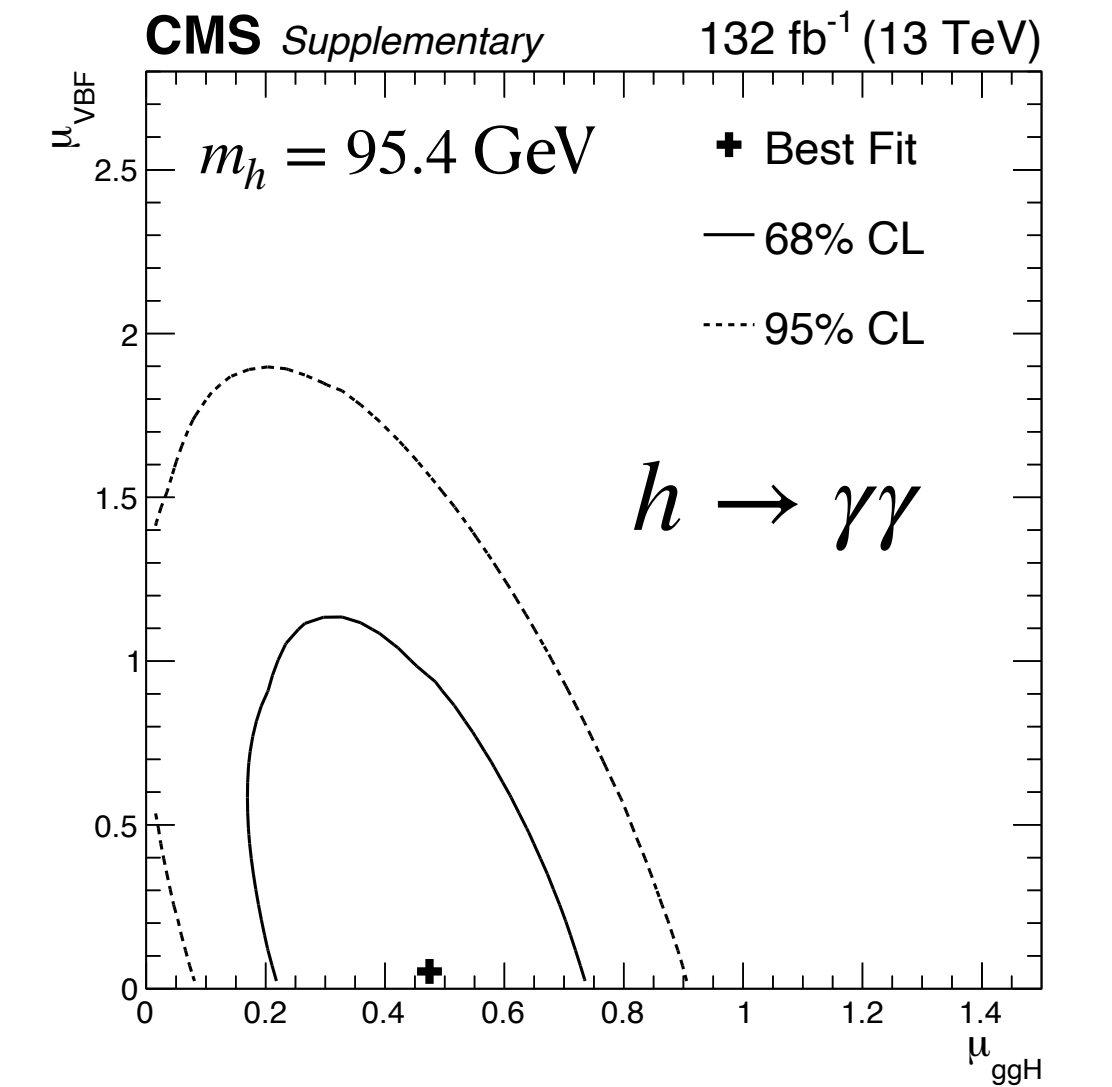
$|\kappa_V^h| > 0.4$   
 $|\kappa_V^H| > 1.05$ 
} **excluded @ 95.4% CL**

$m_h = 95.4 \text{ GeV}$

$m_H = 125.09 \text{ GeV}$

$$\mu_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{ATLAS}} = \frac{\sigma^{\text{exp}}(pp \rightarrow \phi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)}{\sigma^{\text{SM}}(pp \rightarrow h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} = 0.18_{-0.10}^{+0.10}$$

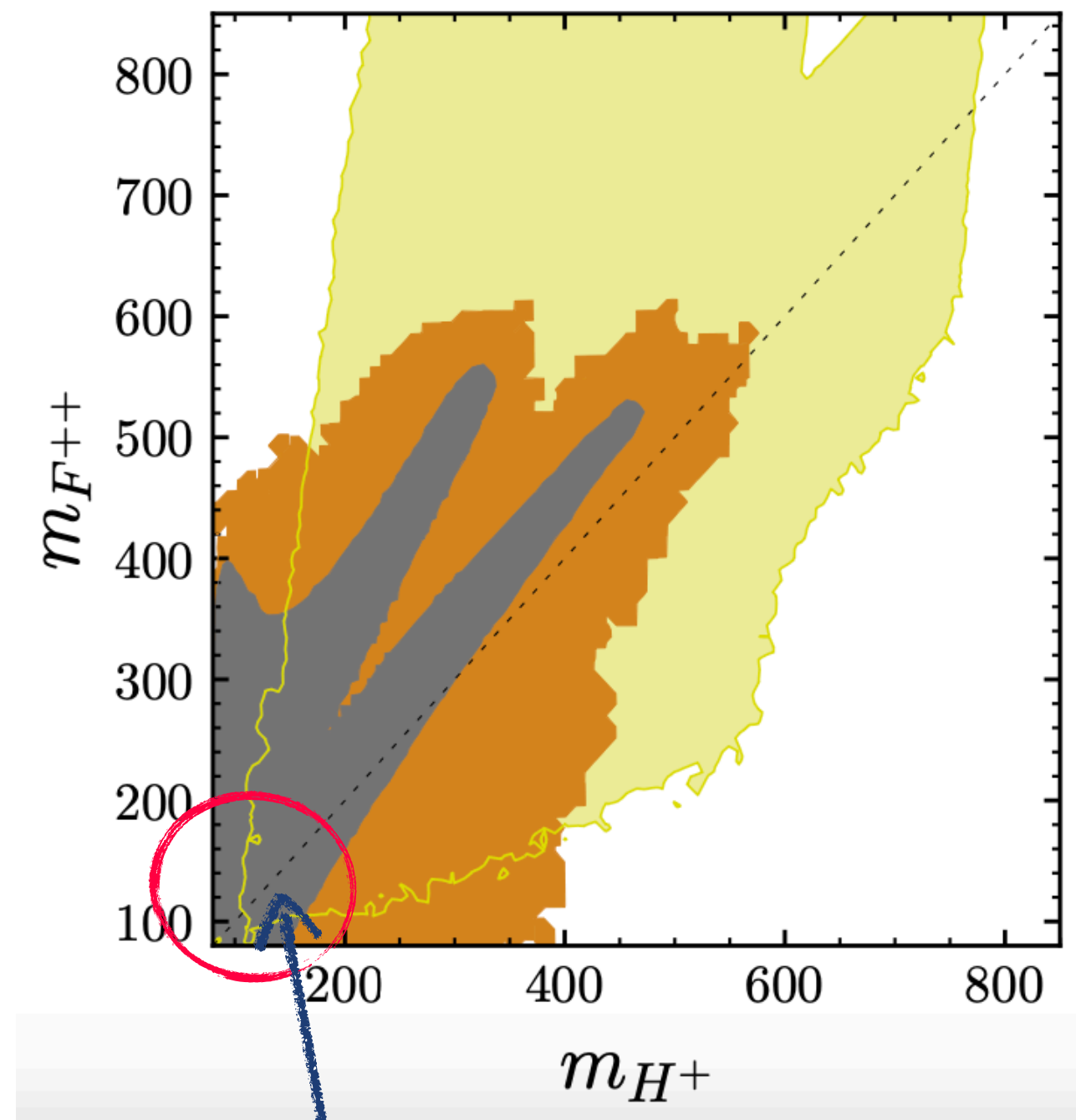
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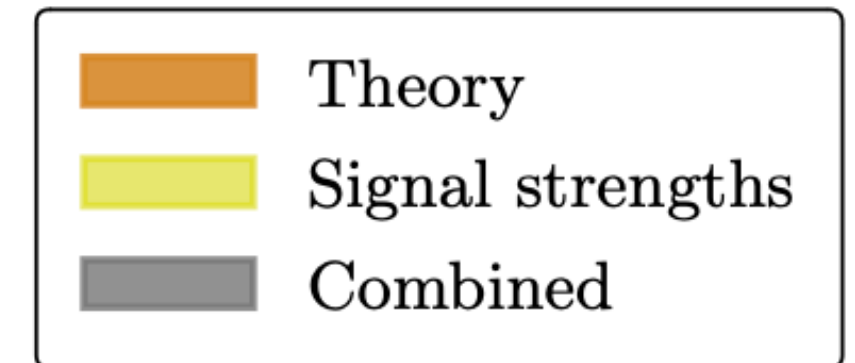
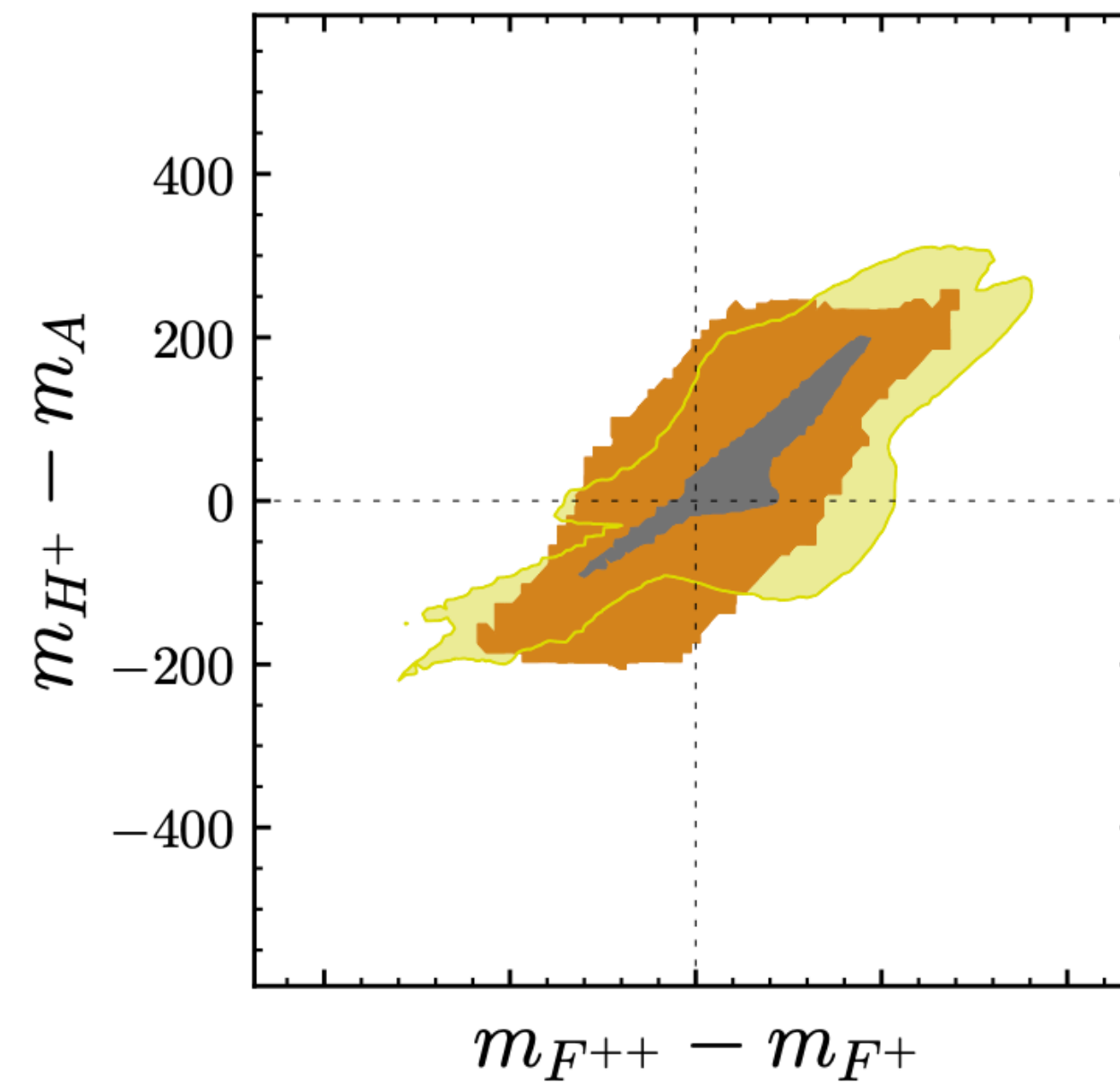
# Constraints on additional Higgs bosons

Upper bound on the masses of additional heavy Higgs bosons is ~ **550 GeV @ 95.4% CL**



$m_{F^{++}} < 200$  GeV

allowed by **NLO unitarity** and **Higgs data @ 95.4% CL**



.....yet to be explored at the LHC or in future colliders



# Summary

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- \* Triplet scalar extension of SM with custodial symmetry at tree-level without requiring global  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$  symmetry in the potential gives **extended Georgi-Machacek (eGM) model**
- \* Improved theoretical constraints (NLO unitarity with positivity) **significantly refine the parameter space of the GM and eGM models**
- \* Triplet VEV gets more and **more constrained from the LHC data**
- \* Regions where  $|\kappa_V| > 1.05$  **are disfavoured by the latest LHC data**
- \* Mass splittings within custodial multiplets **introduce new decay modes in eGM model**
- \* In the presence of a 95 GeV Higgs, the upper bound on the masses of additional heavy Higgs bosons is  **$\sim 550$  GeV**



*Thank You*

Backup slides

# Collider Phenomenology

- Yukawa sector :

Only the doublet couples to fermions

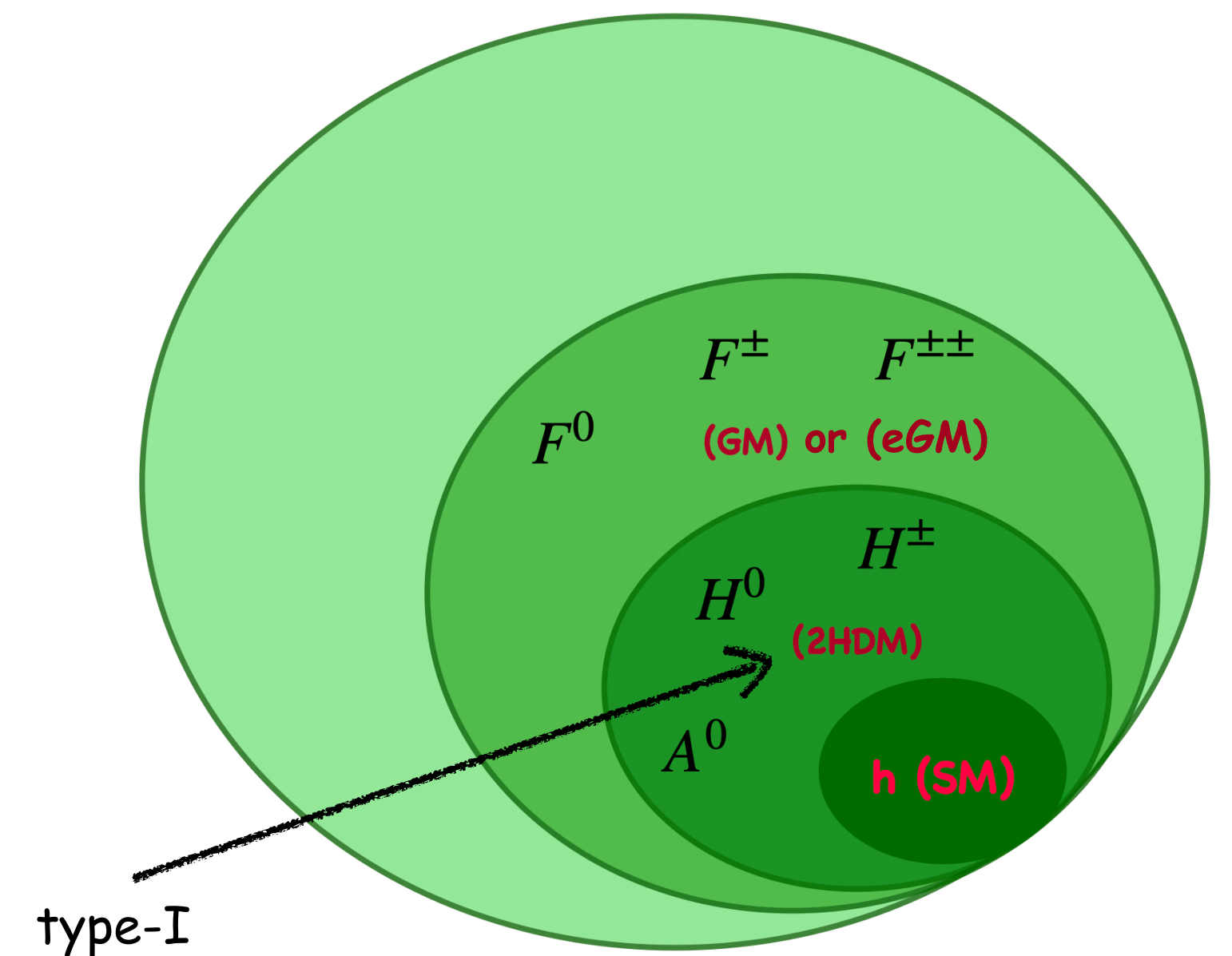
triplet VEV ( $v_\chi$ ) :  $v_\phi^2 + 8v_\chi^2 = v^2$       and       $\tan \beta = \frac{v_\phi}{2\sqrt{2}v_\chi}$

$v_\chi \downarrow$        $\tan \beta \uparrow$

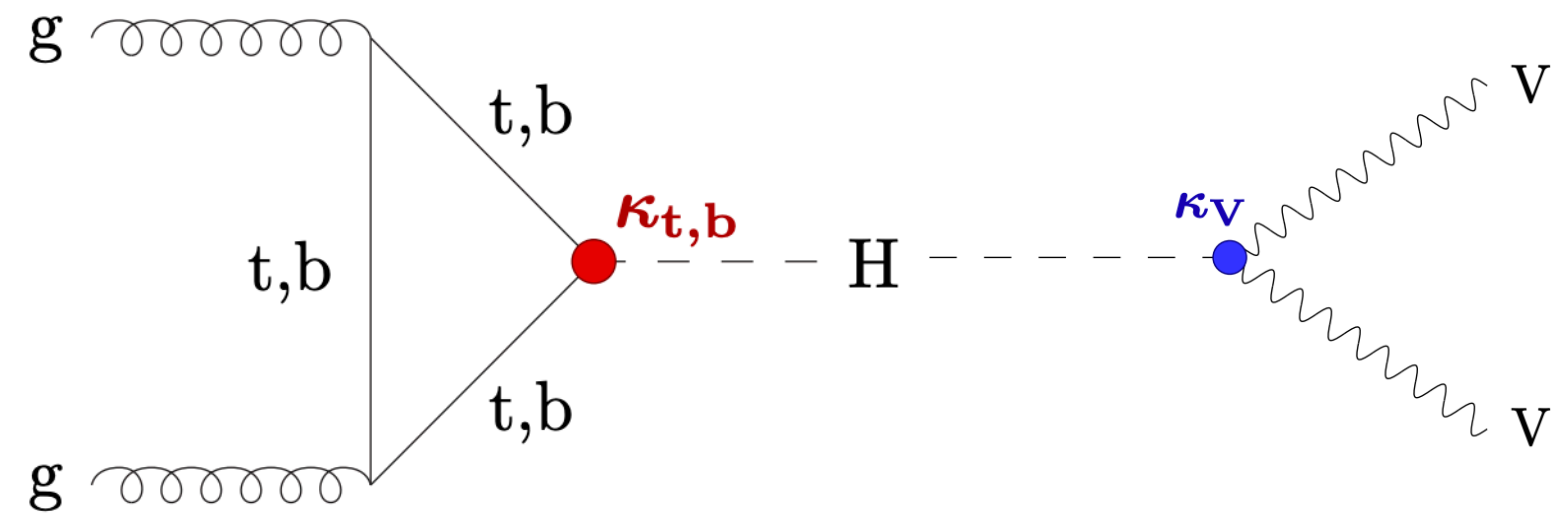
.....Similar phenomenology as in type-I 2HDM

## Additional features :

The addition of a **singly charged scalar** ( $F^+$ ) coupled to fermions, along with the presence of a **doubly charged scalar**, makes these models highly interesting for collider studies.



# Higgs Signal Strengths : *HEPfit* Implementation



$$\mu_i^f = \frac{\sigma B(i \rightarrow H \rightarrow f)}{\sigma B_{SM}(i \rightarrow H \rightarrow f)}$$

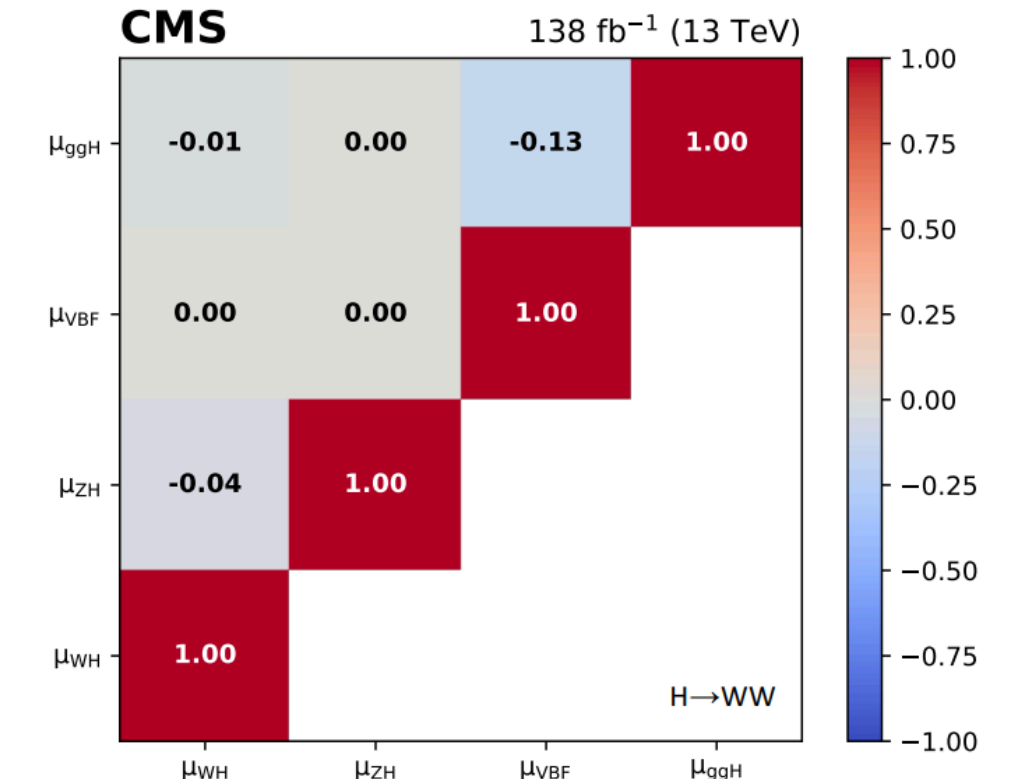
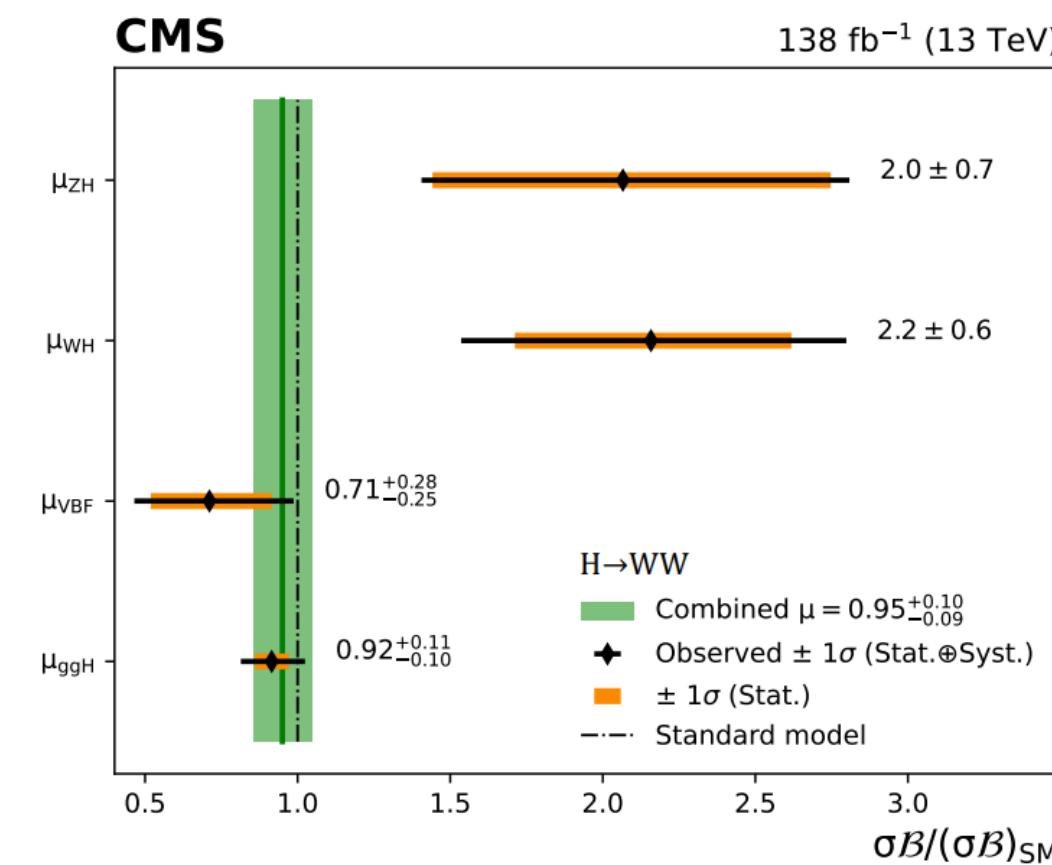
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$$f \in \{ZZ, WW, \gamma\gamma, Z\gamma, \mu\mu, bb, \tau\tau\}$$

<http://hepfit.roma1.infn.it>

- Make all possible observables  $\mu_i^f$  for different production and decay modes
- Fit to the ATLAS and CMS data on (correlated) observables  $\mu_i^f$  for a BSM model
- Present the results on the (new) observables from the combined fit

$$\kappa_V = c_\alpha c_\beta - \sqrt{\frac{8}{3}} s_\alpha s_\beta, \quad \text{and} \quad \kappa_f = \frac{c_\alpha}{c_\beta},$$



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# Higgs Signal Strengths : LHC data

## ATLAS Run 2

Signal strength	Value	Correlation matrix	$\mathcal{L}$ [fb <sup>-1</sup> ]	Source
$\mu_{\text{ggF,bbh}}^{\gamma\gamma}$	$1.04 \pm 0.10$	1 -0.13 0 0 0 0	139	[18]
$\mu_{\text{VBF}}^{\gamma\gamma}$	$1.20 \pm 0.26$	-0.13 1 0 0 0 0		
$\mu_{\text{Wh}}^{\gamma\gamma}$	$1.5 \pm 0.55$	0 0 1 -0.37 0 -0.11		
$\mu_{\text{Zh}}^{\gamma\gamma}$	$-0.2 \pm 0.55$	0 0 -0.37 1 0 0		
$\mu_{\text{tth}}^{\gamma\gamma}$	$0.89 \pm 0.31$	0 0 0 0 1 -0.44		
$\mu_{\text{th}}^{\gamma\gamma}$	$3 \pm 3.5$	0 0 -0.11 0 -0.44 1		
$\mu_{\text{ggF}}^{\text{ZZ}}$	$0.95 \pm 0.1$	1 -0.22 -0.27 0	139	[4]
$\mu_{\text{VBF}}^{\text{ZZ}}$	$1.19 \pm 0.45$	-0.22 1 0 0		
$\mu_{\text{Vh}}^{\text{ZZ}}$	$1.43 \pm 1.0$	-0.27 0 1 -0.18		
$\mu_{\text{tth}}^{\text{ZZ}}$	$1.69 \pm 1.45$	0 0 -0.18 1		
$\mu_{\text{incl.}}^{\text{ZZ}}$	$1.0 \pm 0.1$		139	[4]
$\mu_{\text{ggF,bbh}}^{\text{WW}}$	$1.15 \pm 0.135$		139	[17]
$\mu_{\text{VBF}}^{\text{WW}}$	$0.93 \pm 0.21$			
$\mu_{\text{ggF,bbh,VBF}}^{\text{WW}}$	$1.09 \pm 0.11$			
$\mu_{\text{VBF}}^{\tau\tau}$	$0.90 \pm 0.18$	1 -0.24 0 0	139	[13]
$\mu_{\text{ggF,bbh}}^{\tau\tau}$	$0.96 \pm 0.31$	-0.24 1 -0.29 0		
$\mu_{\text{Vh}}^{\tau\tau}$	$0.98 \pm 0.60$	0 -0.29 1 0		
$\mu_{\text{tth,th}}^{\tau\tau}$	$1.06 \pm 1.18$	0 0 0 1		
$\mu_{\text{VBF}}^{\text{bb}}$	$0.95 \pm 0.37$		126	[9]
$\mu_{\text{Wh}}^{\text{bb}}$	$0.95 \pm 0.26$		139	[6]
$\mu_{\text{Zh}}^{\text{bb}}$	$1.08 \pm 0.24$		139	[6]
$\mu_{\text{Vh}}^{\text{bb}}$	$1.02 \pm 0.17$		139	[6]
$\mu_{\text{tth,th}}^{\text{bb}}$	$0.35 \pm 0.35$		139	[12]
$\mu_{\text{pp}}^{\mu\mu}$	$1.2 \pm 0.6$		139	[7]
$\mu_{\text{pp}}^{\text{Z}\gamma}$	$2.0 \pm 0.95$		139	[5]

## CMS Run 2

Signal strength	Value	Correlation matrix	$\mathcal{L}$ [fb <sup>-1</sup> ]	Source
$\mu_{\text{ggh,bbh}}^{\gamma\gamma}$	$1.07 \pm 0.11$		137	[11]
$\mu_{\text{VBF}}^{\gamma\gamma}$	$1.04 \pm 0.32$			
$\mu_{\text{Vh}}^{\gamma\gamma}$	$1.34 \pm 0.34$			
$\mu_{\text{tth,th}}^{\gamma\gamma}$	$1.35 \pm 0.31$			
$\mu_{\text{ggh,bbh,tth,th}}^{\text{ZZ}}$	$0.95 \pm 0.13$	1 -0.11	137	[10]
$\mu_{\text{VBF,Vh}}^{\text{ZZ}}$	$0.82 \pm 0.34$	-0.11 1		
$\mu_{\text{ggh}}^{\text{WW}}$	$0.92 \pm 0.11$	1 -0.13 0 0	138	[16]
$\mu_{\text{VBF}}^{\text{WW}}$	$0.71 \pm 0.26$	-0.13 1 0 0		
$\mu_{\text{Zh}}^{\text{WW}}$	$2.0 \pm 0.7$	0 0 1 0		
$\mu_{\text{Wh}}^{\text{WW}}$	$2.2 \pm 0.6$	0 0 0 1		
$\mu_{\text{incl.}}^{\tau\tau}$	$0.93 \pm 0.12$		138	[15]
$\mu_{\text{ggh}}^{\tau\tau}$	$0.97 \pm 0.19$			
$\mu_{\text{qqh}}^{\tau\tau}$	$0.68 \pm 0.23$			
$\mu_{\text{Vh}}^{\tau\tau}$	$1.80 \pm 0.44$			
$\mu_{\text{qqh}}^{\text{bb}}$	$1.59 \pm 0.60$	1 -0.75	90.8	[19]
$\mu_{\text{ggh}}^{\text{bb}}$	$-2.7 \pm 3.89$	-0.75 1		
$\mu_{\text{ggh,tth}}^{\mu\mu}$	$0.66 \pm 0.67$	1 -0.24	137	[8]
$\mu_{\text{VBF,Vh}}^{\mu\mu}$	$1.85 \pm 0.86$	-0.24 1		
$\mu_{\text{pp}}^{\text{Z}\gamma}$	$2.4 \pm 0.9$		138	[14]